



November 2006 Issue



In this issue...

■	Nancy's Welcome Message
■	D-10 Legislative Update
■	D-10 Announcements, Highlights & Events
■	Tales of the Almaden Valley
■	Neighborhood Center



Nancy speaks in front of City Hall at a celebration of October's Filipino American History Month

Dear District 10 Residents and Friends,

While Thanksgiving is just around the corner, November holds many other things for which we can give thanks. For instance, yesterday we elected a new mayor, Councilmember Reed, who I would like to congratulate and look forward to working with as our City moves forward. Of course, we can also all give thanks to the end of a seeming inundation of political ads and fliers! While election day has passed, things have been quite busy in my office and our City over the past month.

PARKS AND SPORTS FIELDS

October was dominated by several important measures that aim at improving the quality of life for our residents. On October 17th I introduced the Community Sports Field Feasibility Study ([Click here for a copy of the memo](#)) which will identify, inventory and classify all existing fields and athletic fields. On a unanimous vote, Council approved my recommendation.

Additionally, on October 24th I authored legislation to amend the Parkland Dedication and Park Impact Ordinance (PDO/PIO) which will increase development fees for parks. The PDO/PIO funding mechanism has been an invaluable tool in the City's effort to increase the number of critically needed parks ([Click here for more information](#)).

However, as property values increased over the past several years, it has become harder for the City to effectively purchase new park land for fields and community parks. This situation is something we all know too well in District 10 with the City's inability to build sports fields for the past 10 years. In order to ensure that the City is in a position to protect the quality of life for future generations, it was necessary for Council to bring the fees back into alignment with current land values. Also included in the new policy is a provision that allows the City to spend PDO/PIO funds on school property. With very little land available to develop for fields, I felt it was important we help our organized sporting groups by making funding available to improve existing fields.

My primary goal with these changes is to increase funding for parks and leverage the City's ability to provide first class fields and parks for residents. Both of these proposals will start to solve the lack of fields and inadequate funding for parks.

AIRPORT

For the past year and a half I have worked hard to help make the airport more efficient while providing first class services to its users. Since increased airport security after 9/11, some find airline travel difficult and the process time consuming.

I am pleased to report that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and private industry are developing the Clear Registered Traveler program that will provide qualified passengers with expedited access to security screening. Interested travelers will be required to provide biometric and biographic information to a TSA-approved vendor, and successfully complete a security

threat assessment.

Mineta San Jose International Airport is the first airport in the Bay Area and one of five in the nation to offer this program. Applicants interested in participating in the program can begin the membership enrollment process on the Airport's Homepage, www.sjc.org.

Legislative Update

San Jose Remains "Safest Big City in America" –

For the sixth year in a row San Jose continues to be rated the **safest big city in America for the 32 cities with populations over 500,000**, according to the thirteenth annual statistical analysis based on FBI crime statistics released by Morgan Quitno Press. Morgan Quitno uses six basic crime categories – murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and motor vehicle theft – to determine its annual rankings for all cities with populations over 75,000 that reported crime data to the FBI. According to Morgan Quitno, it uses a formula that compares each city to the national average for each crime category, using final 2005 statistics released by the FBI on September 18, 2006. The farther below the national average, the higher (and better) a city ranks in the final safest cities list; the farther above the national average, the lower a city ranks. Explanation of methodology and full details can be found online at www.morganquitno.com/safecity.htm.

ZeroOne San Jose Brings Cutting Edge Art & Tech to the City –

This year the City hosted 400 artists who came from more than 35 countries around the world. We plan for ZeroOne San Jose to be even bigger and better in 2008. Thanks to everyone whose visionary support of this inaugural edition of ZeroOne San Jose made it such a success. Online photos of the San Jose City Hall Rotunda during the festival can be found at: http://www.pbase.com/rgardener/san_jose_zero_one (Guest Contributor Steven Brewster)

2006 San Jose Grand Prix –

The 2006 San Jose Grand Prix took place on July 28, 29 and 30th, was watched by more than a million television viewers live nationwide and broadcast to over a hundred countries making it the most watched U.S. event on the Champ Car World Series this season to date. It also drew thousands of visitors to Downtown and raised over a million dollars for early cancer detection.

Citywide Aquatics Masterplan Update

As many of you know the Citywide Aquatics Program has been conducting meetings regarding the City of San José Citywide Aquatics Master Plan. In September they conducted stakeholder interviews with various people, organizations, and surrounding municipalities. In addition to these meetings, there were five community meetings around the City. In October a summary of the information that was collected in September was provided. If you have not had an opportunity to view the summary and provide feedback, please visit www.chah2o.com/sanjose/. To provide feedback regarding the summary, please email Jeremy.Shoffner@sanjoseca.gov.

The following is a list of upcoming steps regarding the Aquatics Master Plan:

- November 13, City Hall Council Chambers, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Community Meeting
- November 14, Moreland West Community Center, 1850 Fallbrook Avenue, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Community Meeting
- November 15 through December 1 - Public Comment Period
- December 12 - Community Input and Council Presentation of Plan Alternatives
- Early 2007 – Final Report

If you have any further questions please contact Jeremy Shoffner, City-Wide Aquatics Supervisor, at (408) 277-2291.

Make An Impact in District 10!



*Thinking of ways to get involved in our community?
For more information, please contact the
District 10 office at (408) 535-4910.*

Turning Wheels for Kids

Check it out! **Turning Wheels for Kids is a nonprofit that raises money to buy bikes for underprivileged children at Christmas.** They have purchased over **1,000 new bikes** this year and will be hosting a bike building event on **December 16th at the San Jose Convention Center** to get them ready for the kids! Turning Wheels for Kids started in Almaden 3 years ago and **this year's event will be held all day in the South Hall of the San Jose Convention Center.** Any volunteers who want to come out and help are welcome. No need to be a bike expert, just someone who is enthusiastic about helping kids! For more information please visit www.turningwheelsforkids.org or call (408) 885-5203.

Meals on Wheels

The **Health Trust**, a silicon-valley community benefit organization, is looking for dedicated volunteers to take part in its **Meals On Wheels program.** This program delivers approximately **320 daily meals to homebound adults and frail elderly** in Santa Clara County. Not only do they deliver hot ready to eat meals, they **also spend 5-10 minutes checking on each of their clients!** The Health Trust strives to provide services to those who would otherwise have no other option to receive ready to eat, nutritionally balanced meals. For volunteer opportunities, visit http://www.healthtrust.org/programs/programs_mow_volunteers.php or call 408-961-9870.

City Hall Graffiti Arrest

On October 11th, police officers executed a search warrant at a residence in Santa Clara where police found evidence linking the suspect to the graffiti vandalism at City Hall during the ZeroOne Festival. The suspect was arrested.

Go Green Success!

On October 14, more than 100 enthusiastic attendees participated in the "Schools Save Green with Go Green" Conference focused on "greening" the City's schools and class curriculum, water

District 10 Announcements, Highlights & Events

- **THE MINE – A New Local Band Night –**
The District 10 Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is having their Premiere Band Night, THE MINE, for high school students on **November 17th at 7:00pm** (Doors open at 6:30). The YAC is a committee, representing the youth from all of District 10, striving to involve and connect youth in order to advise city government on youth-related issues. Bands at THE MINE will include **Audrye Sessions** and Metro Magazines' recent features, **My Former Self** and **Conway**. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$10. The event will take place at the **Almaden Community Center** (6445 Camden Ave, San Jose, CA 95120). For more information, please call the Almaden Community Center at 408-268-1133. See you there! (Guest Contributor Melissa Erickson)
- **Downtown Ice is back! –**
Ice skate under the stars – and palm trees – in the heart of downtown San Jose's holiday activities. Beginning its 11th season, Downtown Ice has become a holiday tradition and one of the best skating experiences in the West. The rink, **located at the Circle of Palms in downtown San Jose** (South Market St., across from Plaza de Cesar Chavez) will be **open daily from Nov. 17th through January 15th from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. weeknights and noon to midnight on weekends and Dec. 17th - 31st**. For more information, visit www.sjdownatown.com.



Councilmember Nancy Pyle Cordially invites you to attend our 1st Annual Family Holiday Festival

**Saturday, December 9th 2006
12:00pm – 4:00pm**

Almaden Library and Community Center
6445 Camden Avenue
San Jose, CA 95120

Come join Councilmember Nancy Pyle to spread some holiday cheer! On December 9th, the District 10 Council Office will join with local youth to host an afternoon of Holiday fun and giving. **Bring your family down to the Community Center to enjoy coffee, pie, crafts and games.** We will also collect toys for Bay Area children in need through the **Family Giving Tree program**. If you wish to donate, **please pick up a "wish card" at the Almaden Library and Community Center after November 15th**. On December 9th, bring your unwrapped gift to the Festival and my office will deliver it to the Family Giving Tree Headquarters. We will also collect unwrapped toys at the event for the Toys for Tots drive. For more information, contact the District 10 office at (408) 535-4910.

Tales of the Almaden Valley by Guest Columnist Art Boudreault

This is the second of several articles about Almaden Valley. If there is any specific place or event you wish to read about, please contact the District 10 office at district10@sanjoseca.gov

Almaden Valley Had a Railroad?

In fact, Almaden Valley had two railroads. This article focuses on the first, the South Pacific Coast, owned by James Fair. On July 15, 1886, Fair completed a branch line from Campbell to the Quicksilver Mining Company property on Harry Road.

conservation, and improving stormwater quality.



Councilmember Pyle stands with the Scouts of Den 2, Pack 229 of Holy Spirit School

Manage Your
Newsletter Subscription
& Contact Information

Contact Us

**Office of Councilmember
Nancy Pyle
Councilmember, District Ten**

**408-535-4910
408-292-6478 - fax
district10@sanjoseca.gov**

District 10 Staff

[Leland C. Wilcox](#)
Chief of Staff

[Linda Alexander](#)
Executive Assistant

[Eric T. Crane](#)
Communications Aide

[Stephanie Holm](#)
Community Relations/ Policy Aide

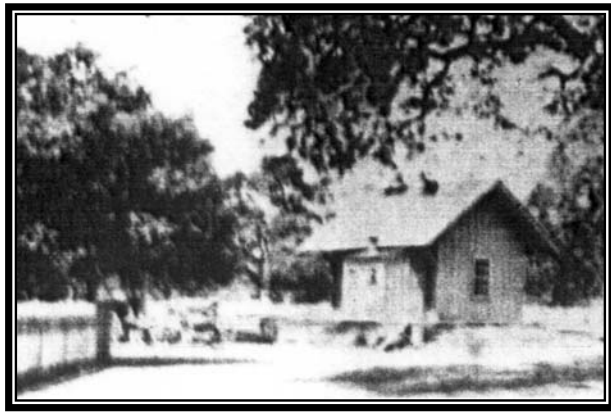
**Visit District 10's Website -
www.sanjoseca.gov/district10**

Community Calendar

Wednesday, November 8th: 6:30 PM-8:30 PM
Hoffman/Via Monte N.A. Monthly Meeting
Almaden Hills U.M.Church; 1200 Blossom Hill Road

Wednesday, November 8, 2006: 7:30 PM-8:30PM
Montevideo H.A. Monthly Meeting
Corner of Coleman and Camden, in the clubhouse

The branch connected to the San Jose - Los Gatos main line just south of Campbell. The branch, a narrow gauge line, traveled south along Camden Avenue to Koozer Road. At Coleman Avenue and Redmond Road, it turned east along Redmond Ave. and traveled along the west side of Alamos Creek, crossing the creek to reach Harry Road. Fair believed he could lower the costs of transporting redwood timbers from the Santa Cruz Mountains to New Almaden's quicksilver mine where thousands of timbers were used to support the tunnels in the mine. There were four rail stations along the track - Union, LeFranc vineyard, Guadalupe (sic) and New Almaden. Four trains per day ran on this track. Within four months, Leland Stanford placed a competing rail line nearby and purchased the South Pacific Coast Railroad from James Fair in 1887.



New Almaden Station was located where Almaden Expressway and Harry Road meet. This station was built in 1886 and abandoned by 1890. Photograph courtesy William A. Wulff

Neighborhood Center

FREE Electronic Waste Recycling

November 18, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Location TBD. This program is sponsored by the Volunteer Center of Silicon Valley in partnership with Council District Four Neighborhood Associations. They will be taking all computer and electronic equipment including: Desktops, laptops, PDA's, monitors and televisions, printers, copy and fax machines, computer systems (we erase HD's), mouse and keyboards, stereos, radios and players, VCR's, DVD players, telephones and cell phones, appliances and metal too! **For more information and location information, please call Gail Osmer at the Volunteer Center (408) 247-1126, or Steve Ramona at EarthCare Recycling (408) 573-8573.**

City Council Meetings

The City Council convenes every Tuesday at 1:30 PM at **200 East Santa Clara Street**. On the first and third Tuesday of the month the Council meets at 7:00 PM for Public Hearings. Meetings can also be viewed on the web at www.sanjoseca.gov or on the City cable TV station, Channel 26/26A.

“Democracy is the only system that persists in asking the powers that be whether they are the powers that ought to be.” ~ Sydney J. Harris

Thursday, November 9th: 7:15 PM– 8:15 PM
Leland High School Parent's Club Meeting
Leland High School; 6677 Camden Avenue

Thursday, November 9th: 7:00 PM-8:30 PM
Santa Teresa Foothills N.A. (STFNA) Meeting
Southside Community Center; 5585 Cottle Road

Monday, November 13th: 7:00 PM-9:00 PM
Almaden Valley Community Association meeting
Guest Speaker: Michele Young, City of San Jose
Environmental Services Topic: Yard Waste Contract
Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Ave

Wednesday, November 15th: 9:30 AM-11:00 AM
Williams Elementary Traffic Safety Meeting
Williams Elementary School; 1150 Rajkovich Way

Wednesday, November 15th: 6:30 PM-8:30 PM
Hoffman/Via Monte NAC Monthly Meeting
Almaden Hills UM Church; 1200 Blossom Hill Road

Thursday, November 16th: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
D-10 Youth Advisory Council Meeting
Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Ave

Friday, November 17th: 6:30 PM – 10:00 PM
D10 Youth Advisory Council Band Night
Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Ave

Monday, November 20th: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Jeffery Fontana Dog Park Resurfacing Project Community Meeting
Almaden Winery Community Center; 5730 Chamberlin Drive

Friday, November 24th: 5:30 PM
San Jose Christmas in the Park Tree Lighting Ceremony
Plaza De Cesar Chavez (between San Carlos and San Fernando Streets)

Tuesday, November 28th: 7:30 PM-9:00PM
VEP Monthly Meeting
Vista Park Community Room; (intersection -Hyde Park Dr. & New Compton Dr.)

Wednesday, December 6th: 9:45 AM-11:00 AM
Almaden Senior Association Monthly Meeting
Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Ave

Wednesday, December 6th: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Almaden Winery Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting
Almaden Winery Community Center; 5730 Chamberlin Drive

Saturday, December 9th: 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Councilmember Nancy Pyle's Family Holiday Festival
Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Ave

You may Unsubscribe (Opt-Out) from future communications, and set your communications preferences here.
You may update your contact information here.